

CHEVRON OIL COMPANY

IBLA 71-148

Decided July 13, 1971

Rules of Practice: Appeals: Dismissal

An appeal to the Board of Land Appeals will be dismissed when the appellant withdraws the oil and gas lease offer which was the subject of the appeal.

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M 17320

CHEVRON OIL COMPANY

: Oil and gas lease offer

: Appeal dismissed

### DECISION

Chevron Oil Company has filed a withdrawal of its oil and gas lease offer M 17320, concerning which it had taken an appeal to the Board of Land Appeals from the decision dated December 12, 1970, in which the Montana land office, Bureau of Land Management, had held the offer for rejection. This action makes the issue on appeal moot.

Therefore, pursuant to the authority delegated to the Board of Land Appeals by the Secretary of the Interior (211 DM 13.5; 35 F.R. 12081), the appeal is dismissed, and the case is remanded to the Bureau of Land Management for refund of the advance rental paid in connection with the lease offer.

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Newton Frishberg, Chairman

We concur:

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Anne Poindexter Lewis, Member

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Edward W. Stuebing, Member

